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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE
ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 25, 2007. Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below, petition for a one-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.